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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 409X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Superior, Nebraska and Reynolds, Nebraska

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 8, 2004, BNSF filed a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 39.95 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 167.78, near Superior, in Nuckolls County, Nebraska and railroad milepost 127.83, near Reynolds, in Jefferson County, Nebraska. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 68429, 68375, 66959, 66935, 68327, 68325, 66964, 68943 and 68978. By decision served July 27, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective August 26, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

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